

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Stanley Ference (*Reg. No. 33,879*) on 8/19/2008.

5. The application has been amended as follows:

On page 5, line 13 of the specification change "f_a" to --f_A--.

In claim 1, line 10 change "f_a" to --f_A--.

In claim 1, line 15 change "input pattern feature space" to --input pattern feature space from the input arrangement--.

In claim 1, line 25, change "input pattern feature space" to --input pattern feature space from the input arrangement--.

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In claim 1, line 24, change "the degree" to --a degree--.

In claim 1, line 36, change "decision" to --decision based on the model verification result--.

In claim 8, line 9 change "f_a" to --f_A--.

In claim 8, line 14 change "input pattern feature space" to --input pattern feature space from the input arrangement--.